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Applicant(s): MIURA, et al.

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF FABRICATING
THE SAME

Group: 2814

Examiner: A. Mai

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING AMENDMENTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 9, 2000

Sir:

*Approved
A. Mai
11/22/00*

Applicants, through their attorney, respectfully request that the Examiner approve amendments to the drawings as shown in red on the enclosed copies of Figs. 3, 5, 7 and 9. These amendments are to correct typographical errors in the textual matter within the boxes in these Figures, and to clarify that in step 408 (see Fig. 9) anisotropic etching is performed. It is respectfully submitted that these amendments of the above-referred to Figures do not add new matter to the application.

Upon approval of the drawing amendments by the Examiner, ~~the drawing amendments will be made at an appropriate time~~ during prosecution of the above-identified application.

Approval by the Examiner of the requested drawing amendments, in due course, is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this

paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit
Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 500.36904X00) and please credit
any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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